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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: OTTAWA 610

1. VANCOUVER SUN OF FEBRUARY 22 CARRIES WASHINGTON DATELINE REPORT BY PAUL WHITELOW IN WHICH HE MAKES THE POINT THAT WHAT AMERICANS THINK OF PM TRUDEAU'S "UNITY MESSAGE" IS CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE OF CONFEDERATION BECAUSE TRUDEAU'S "POLITICAL STAR WAS FALLING BACK HOME EVEN BEFORE THE PARTI QUEBECOIS VICTORY. A HIT WASHINGTON PERFORMANCE--AFTER LEVESQUE'S NEW YORK DISASTER-- COULD PUT THE PRIME MINISTER ON FIRMER POLITICAL GROUND IN CANADA AND INCREASE HIS PRESTIGE TO LEAD THE PRO-CONFEDERATION FORCES."

2. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S "OUTSPOKEN" STATEMENT IN CTV INTERVIEW THAT "CONFEDERATION WOULD BE MY PREFERENCE," WHITELOW NOTES THAT THE TEST OF THE INTERVIEW WAS DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS BY CANADIAN EMBASSY AND "THAT WASN'T THE ACTION OF A GOVERNMENT UPSET BY A FOREIGN LEADER'S COMMENTS ON AN INTERNAL POLITICAL CONTROVERSY," ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AN "UNWARRANTED INTRUSION" BY LEVESQUE.

3. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE OF SUN WAS "TRUDEAU TELLS U.S. CONGRESS: 'CANADA'S UNITY WILL NOT BE FRACTURED'." ACCOMPANYING UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORT BY FRANK RUTTER CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF DIRECT QUOTES FROM PM'S ADDRESS.

4. PRESS CLIPPINGS BEING MAILED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/CAN.
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